11 May 1967

MEMORANDUM FOR: The Director

SUBJECT:

Bunker's 10 May 1967 Weekly

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- 1. Bunker's Weeklies (so far) have more meat than Lodge's did. Much of this one is worth your perusal, specifically:
  - a. Paragraphs 1 and 2, on pacification reorganization. Exactly how all this is going to shake out is, however, still somewhat obscure.
  - b. Paragraphs 3-6, Military political developments, the generals' decision not to endorse a specific candidate, Ky's decision to run. A good, solid piece of analytic political reporting.
  - c. Paragraphs 7-17: Civilian attitudes, assembly parliamentary maneuvering, and campaign-related stories beginning to be surfaced in the press. More good political reporting. (Paragraph 10 relays a theme Colby and I stressed in our briefings before Bunker's departure.)
- 2. You can kip the remainder, though you might want to look at paragraphs 19-22 on Buddhist attitudes and play of the peace issue.

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